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## from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

### NOT A VENDETTA

There is no excuse for honest union leaders to stick up for Hoffa, unless they are taken in by his propaganda.

This propaganda is that he is being persecuted by Bobby Kennedy.

Nonsense!

Kennedy is not crusading against Hoffa. He's crusading against corruption in unions. And all responsible unions should applaud his efforts.

Corrupt union leaders have given and will continue to give fuel to the enemies of labor who want to shackle us with restrictive laws.

The issue of whether the Teamsters should pay to defend Hoffa has come up again in the last few days.

The crimes of which Hoffa is accused are personal ones, not ones allegedly committed as part of his union duties. In fact, he is accused of crimes against the union. He is well paid and should pay for his own defense. The legal actions are against him, not the Teamsters Union.

By the same token, rank-and-file Teamsters and their responsible leaders should protest any attempt to use union funds for Hoffa's defense. Their interests lie with those of other strong, responsible, militant and clean segments of the labor movement in fighting corruption.

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### COLLEGE EDITORS & SIT-INS

A few weeks ago, my faith in college editors was somewhat shaken. Some of them said they would accept free automobiles from the Ford Motor Co.

Apparently the old adage that a newspaperman never accepts gifts worth more than \$2 is no longer taught in college journalism departments.

However, my faith is now partially restored. The Daily Californian, at least, still has some of its old zip in sticking up for students and their rights against infringement from the U.C. administration, the Board of Regents and meddling state assemblymen.

The villain in this piece is Assemblyman Don Mulford (R-Berkeley), who has long had a phobia against letting communists speak on campus. In other words, he wants to control what students hear on campus.

Now, however, Mulford wants to control what students do as private citizens off-campus. He wants U.C. to kick out any students arrested in sit-in demonstrations. I think this would be a violation of their civil liberties.

Mulford is a conservative and is one of Knowland's hand-picked slate of delegates for Goldwater in the GOP primary.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

# Alameda County COPE opens registration drive



NEW JOBS have been obtained by eight men as the result of an on-the-job instruction program under the U.S. Manpower Development and Training Act at Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Oakland. Among those taking part in the program, first of its kind in California, are: Sylvester Rutledge, holding the door so Fred Miller can push the "patient," James Johnson, through. Supervising is Grace Gurnea, director of nursing services at the hospital. (See story inside.)

## BTC votes to seat new Teamster local

New Teamster Local 291, representing construction, excavation, ready mix and lumber drivers, has been accepted for affiliation by the Building Trades Council.

Following a motion by Gunnar Benony, Carpenters 36, the council automatically seated three of the four delegates named by the new local, formerly a unit of Teamsters 70, last week.

They are Joe Sawyer, Tom Nunes and Joseph Rodrigues, all formerly delegates to the BTC from Local 70. No action was taken on a new delegate, Robert Crowson, whose name was referred to the Law and Legislative Committee in a routine action.

The question of how many of the new local's members will be directly employed in the construction industry — and hence subject to per capita tax to the BTC — was referred to the Executive Committee.

### RADIATION LABORATORY

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers reported progress on some union complaints at the University of California Radiation Laboratory in Livermore following a three hour meeting.

Some conditions were apparently brought to the attention of the lab's officials that they had been unaware of, Childers told delegates.

He also told of BTC complaints about Northland Camps, Inc.,

setting up trailers at the laboratory. As a result, the Atomic Energy Commission has agreed to protest to the university for not reporting that construction was to be involved.

Carpenters 1622 has signed a contract and placed a few men on this job, and a union electrical sub-contractor was hired, Childers reported.

### PARKS PROTEST

The council has also protested substandard wages on \$100,000 worth of East Bay Regional Parks District improvements, including bathhouses and a club house at the Cull Canyon Recreation Area and stables near Skyline boulevard.

Although Parks Superintendent William Penn Mott Jr. blamed

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## 'Key to carrying county for labor's candidates'

Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education opened an office in Room 213 of the Labor Temple this week and asked all unions to help in the massive task of registering 103,000 voters.

The key to victory for candidates endorsed by COPE in Alameda County is registering a majority of those qualified to vote but now unregistered, Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council and COPE secretary-treasurer, said Monday night.

Ash said there are about 103,000 persons in Alameda County who meet age, residence and citizenship requirements but are not registered to vote.

Unions will be asked to submit lists of their members to the COPE office so they can be checked against voter registration lists to find out which union members are not registered.

The registration push will continue until the registration deadline for the general election, Sept. 10. Then COPE volunteers will concentrate on a get-out-the-vote campaign.

### AMUNDSON IN CHARGE

Norman Amundson, assistant secretary of COPE, will be in charge of the COPE office and volunteer work.

In his report to the Central Labor Council Monday night, Amundson urged unions to submit their membership lists right away so COPE can establish its file system for both the registration and voter turnout campaigns.

Both he and Executive Secretary Ash assured unions that absolute security measures would be used so that no unauthorized persons will have access to membership lists, and they will not be used for anything else.

Amundson expressed willingness to confer with any unions having special problems concerning submission of membership lists.

"We can flex our political  
MORE on page 7

## CLC seats 11 UAW delegates

Eleven delegates from United Auto Workers 1364 were seated and welcomed by the Central Labor Council Monday night.

They are: Sebastian Bollomo, Gus Billy, Floyd Bueno, David Chambers, Edward Malone, Robert Smith, James McCloskey, Joseph Petrucci, Ronilda Sharafian, Ralph Williams and Leslie Worcester.

CLC Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash introduced Petrucci, Chambers, Bueno and Bollomo, officers of the local, and Ma-

lone and Billy, who had previously been active in the council. He said he anticipated an excellent working relationship between the local and the council.

In other business, the CLC:

- Opposed the state lottery proposition on the November ballot because it would be operated by private interests, and
- Granted strike sanction to Sheet Metal Workers 216 against Sandia Corp., Livermore.

## Recall total now 5,771; ready to file

The Washington Township Hospital Recall Committee is preparing to file petitions containing 5,771 signatures, demanding that an election be held on removal of four of the hospital district's directors.

Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx told the Central Labor Council Monday night that 5,100 valid signatures are needed to call the election.

"We've won an uphill fight which several political experts—South County political experts, in particular — said was impossible," Groulx told CLC delegates.

"But we did get one out of five voters in the South County to sign petitions, culminating a fight which began in October," Groulx declared, adding: "This should prove to some people in the South County that the labor movement doesn't back off."

### ANTI-LABOR POLICIES

Citing the fact that the recall drive began because of the hospital district's anti-labor policies, which prompted a strike, Groulx told the Central Labor Council:

"This will mean more for the dignity of Hospital Workers out there and the strength of the labor movement than anything we have seen in a long time."

During the petition drive, Groulx said, volunteer workers found that two out of three who did not sign refused because they were not registered to vote. He said deputy voter registrars are now active in the area.

## Walter East dies

The Central Labor Council adjourned in memory of Walter East, a former CLC president and officer of Laundry Workers 2, who died last weekend. Story on page 7.

# HOW TO BUY

## Food prices & how to beat 'em

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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The U.S. Senate is going to a limited amount of specials but otherwise charges the same 27 cents for a package of cornflakes, out of which the farmer gets 2.7 cents for the corn.

Often the only real choice consumers have today is a choice of different colors in trading stamps.

**IN THE COMING** period of rising food prices, you will need to watch food spending carefully to avoid paying even more than you now do. Here are six policies to use to defend yourself against today's high marketing costs:

- Shop more widely among different markets. As we've been warning, supermarkets aren't reducing basic prices but are using specials to attract traffic. We have found differences of as much as 40 cents a pound on steaks recently, even 20 cents on lower cost cuts like chuck.

- Use the less expensive cuts. In pork, for example, the Boston butt costs less and yields about 84 per cent lean meat compared with 63 for whole ham, the New York State Cooperative Extension Service points out. Lamb shoulder costs less per serving than leg of lamb. Chuck usually is the buy in beef, followed by flank steak.

- We're coming into a period of reasonably priced poultry. Turkeys and broilers both are in heavier supply than last year and often are used as supermarket specials.

- Use the least processed form of food you conveniently can, not the so-called "convenience foods with built-in maid service" that the manufacturers and stores push, and the Agriculture Department tends to praise. Processed and semi-prepared foods actually are a main reason why farmers are getting less while you pay more.

One of the most expensive examples is the new frozen vegetables already prepared with sauces and packed in foil bags.

- Use more of the canned products in heaviest supply in your family menus. Currently, these money savers include canned corn, applesauce and tomatoes.

- Buy the bulk form and larger sizes where still available. For example, cottage cheese in bulk costs 22 cents a pound in containers, 17 cents for a half pound.

Sometimes the Agriculture Department and food manufacturers say that buying smaller sizes avoids waste. But because of the much higher prices usually charged for smaller size packages, you have another form of waste — money.

The money saving trick is to buy the larger quantity and plan how to use it for more than one meal or in more than one recipe.

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## What They Wore...by PHYLLIS JOYCE

ALTHOUGH MANY YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE INFANTS WERE VIRTUALLY IMPRISONED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, THE INFANTS AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHES OF THE 1850'S WERE MOST ELABORATE AND TENDED TO RESTRICT PLAYTIME ACTIVITIES.

TYPICAL OF THE DAY, THIS GIRL'S DRESS, COMPOSED OF SEVERAL YARDS OF STIFF MUSLIN, WAS WORN OVER A FOUNDATION OF FLOWERED AND STARCHED UNDERWEAR. FOR A CHILLY DAY THE RUCHED CARACO JACKET WITH WIDE PAGODA SLEEVES WAS WORN OVER THE DRESS.

UNDERGARMENTS FOR A GIRL ABOUT TEN IN THE 1850'S...

CHEMISE DRAWERS

COTTON STAYS STIFF MUSLIN TOP PETTICOAT

EVEN BABIES DID NOT ESCAPE THE FUSSINESS OF THE DAY; THEY WERE CLOTHED IN FANCILY EMBROIDERED DRESSES WHOSE LENGTH (UP TO 48 INCHES) WAS OFTEN CONSIDERED A STATUS SYMBOL.

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### Candidates' day for study club

Candidates endorsed by the California Democratic Council have been invited to the monthly meeting of the Alameda County Democratic Women's Study Club.

Those invited include State Controller Alan Cranston, candidate for U.S. Senate; Assemblyman Nicholas C. Petris, Byron Rumford, Robert Crown and Carlos Bee, and Douglas Hill, candidate for the Assembly in the 16th District.

Mrs. Mollie Nolan, president, said other CDC-endorsed candidates are also welcome. The meeting will be at noon Wednesday, May 6, at the Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster St., Oakland. A salad bar luncheon will be served.

### Miss Taber to speak to club

Jacqueline Taber, a member of the Women Democrats East Bay Club, will address the club on "The Local Election" at noon Wednesday, May 6, at the True Food Cafeteria, 308 14th St., Oakland.

Miss Taber is a candidate for the Oakland-Piedmont Municipal Court, District 3. All Democratic candidates in attendance will be introduced. There will be a no-host luncheon.

Central Committee candidates Agnes Brown and Anna Bjornson will welcome guests. President Grace Bryson has appointed a committee to study legislation. Mary Helen Nisewander is chairman and Mabel Borden and Stellia Pruss are members.

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### Gallo named to unfair lists

Gallo Wine has been placed on the unfair lists of the Fresno-Madera Labor Council and Fresno-Tulare-Kings Building Trades Council.

The action came at the request of Painters Local 294 because the firm violated its contract with the union by employing other than union painters on a job at its Fresno plant.

Business Manager Manuel Lopez of the building trades said that the council through its state organization is going to publicize the Gallo situation and urge a consumer boycott all up and down the state with leaflets and publicity.

Gallo has a contract covering production workers with Winery Workers Local 45.—Valley Labor Citizen.

### 67 new labor credit unions

Sixty-seven new credit unions were formed by labor union members in the United States during 1963, according to the Credit Union National Association.

There are now about 1,250 labor union-sponsored credit unions in the U.S.

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## To the Ladies...

### FROM the EDITOR

ALAN CRANSTON, COPE-endorsed candidate for U.S. Senate, wants "stronger federal laws against consumer frauds which rob the American people of billions of dollars a year."

Cranston told a West Coast conference of the AFL-CIO Communications Workers that "the public is caught in a conspiracy of misleading interest rates, misleading advertising and misleading packaging." He added:

"The size of a bottle or a carton no longer has much relationship to its content. The 'large economy size' has become a joke — a costly joke on the consumer."

"Packages should clearly state the cost by pound or ounce, and there should be some uniformity of size and shape among identical commodities."

**STRONG FEDERAL** laws requiring full disclosure of actual interest in dollars the consumer must pay when he makes a credit purchase were called for by Cranston.

"Hundreds of thousands of families are hopelessly in debt because of the reluctance of the seller to reveal his true interest rates. The buyer learns after it's too late that the interest payments alone are more than the cost of the merchandise," Cranston said.

**FRAUDS AGAINST** the elderly also demand congressional action, Cranston declared, adding:

"Medical quackery alone is a billion dollar a year business that not only robs the elderly but kills more of its victims than all other forms of crime put together."

Cranston strongly opposed the so-called Quality Stabilization Act now before Congress. Its title is misleading, he said.

"What the act would really do is permit manufacturers to set minimum retail prices for their goods and remove them from shelves of merchants who wanted to sell them at a lower price," Cranston told the union group. "No matter how you look at it, that's price-fixing that denies free competition and has the effect of keeping prices high."

**CRANSTON** WAS a foreign correspondent during the '30s. He saw Hitler's rise to power first hand in Nazi Germany.

Although entitled to deferment, he enlisted in the Army as a private, rising to the rank of sergeant during World War II.

After the war, Cranston wrote "The Killing of the Peace," judged one of the 10 best books of 1945 by the New York Times.

Cranston was elected state controller in 1958. He has brought sound, modern management to the state's financial affairs. He also introduced payroll union dues checkoff and broke racial barriers in appointments.

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## U.C. will offer statistics course for union officers

In response to a number of requests from unions, the labor program of the Institute of Industrial Relations at the University of California has scheduled a special course on statistics in collective bargaining.

The course is designed for union officials, and its aim is to familiarize them with basic materials and techniques of statistics in the field of industrial relations.

No previous experience of training in statistics is necessary, emphasized John Hutchinson, coordinator of labor programs at U.C.

Teaching the course will be three leading Bay Area specialists in statistics:

- Maurice I. Gershenson, chief of the State Division of Labor Statistics and Research.

- Max D. Kossoris, regional director of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and

- Richard Liebes, research for the Building Service Employees in Northern California.

### SIX WEEK COURSE

The course will begin Tuesday and will continue successive Tuesdays for six weeks from 4-6 p.m. at the University Extension Center, 55 Laguna St., San Francisco.

General topics will be: basic statistical ideas and sources; industrial relations statistics; business, employment and labor force statistics; fundamental statistical measures, and preparation and presentation of statistical data.

Fee for the course is \$30. For further information, call John Hutchinson, TH 5-6000, Extension 2571, or TH 8-4642.

## Plumbers vote to add negotiated increases to wages, pension plan

Members of Plumbers and Gas Fitters 444 voted last week to apply 10 cents of an increase which has been negotiated effective July 1, 1964, to pensions and 20 cents to wages.

George A. Hess, business manager and financial secretary-treasurer, said the vote also included application of five cents due Jan. 1, 1965, to pensions.

He said this will bring the total hourly pension plan contribution by employers to 25 cents. It has been 10 cents an hour since negotiated in 1964.

Two cents an hour of the money being added to the pension plan will be used to start a medical plan for retired members. The vote was 120 for and 114 against the proposal.

## C. L. Dellums on fair housing group

C. L. Dellums, chairman of the California Committee for Fair Practices, has been appointed to the Northern California Steering Committee of Californians for Fair Housing.

Californians for Fair Housing is a bipartisan group with headquarters at 583 Market St., San Francisco, formed to fight the ant-Rumford Act initiative sponsored by the California Real Estate Association.

The telephone number is YU 6-5968.

Dellums is also a member of the State Fair Employment Practices Commission and a delegate to the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

## Millwrights, wives are urged to attend meeting

Members of Millwrights 102 are urged to bring their wives and attend a meeting at 8 o'clock tonight (Friday) in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

There will be three speakers, representing Blue Cross, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and the Carpenter's Pension Plan.

Due to the vital interest of the subjects all Millwrights and their wives have been urged to attend.

## Unionist's parliamentary procedure book on sale

"Whitney's Parliamentary Procedure" is now available in a Dell Laurel paperback edition for 50 cents, according to the AFL-CIO News.

The author, Byrly A. Whitney, is former education and research director of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

## Speak up!

Awhile back, the Building Trades Council threatened (jokingly, they said) not to pay the rent on their Labor Temple meeting hall until the heat was turned on.

Last week, Central Labor Council President Russ Crowell voiced a similar sentiment about a microphone which did not work.

Raising his voice, Crowell said:

"I'd like to direct a question to the secretary: How much do we pay extra for the microphone?"

Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash replied:

"I don't know, but when it doesn't work we don't pay for it."

Note: They got the mike going later. But the clock still doesn't run!

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

## On-the-job training program for hospital orderlies ends

The first Manpower Act on-the-job training program in the hospital industry in the state has been completed here.

As a result, eight new hospital orderlies are now working for Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Oakland, where they took the six week, eight-hour-a-day training course. All had been unemployed before.

Grace Gurnea, director of nursing services, said the program was set up because there was a shortage of qualified hospital orderlies in the area.

The federal government supplied \$1,700 to pay for instructors' wages and clerical help. Kaiser Hospital donated supplies and materials. Trainees received up to \$43 a week in allowances during training, according to David G. Silveria, field representative for the U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeship.

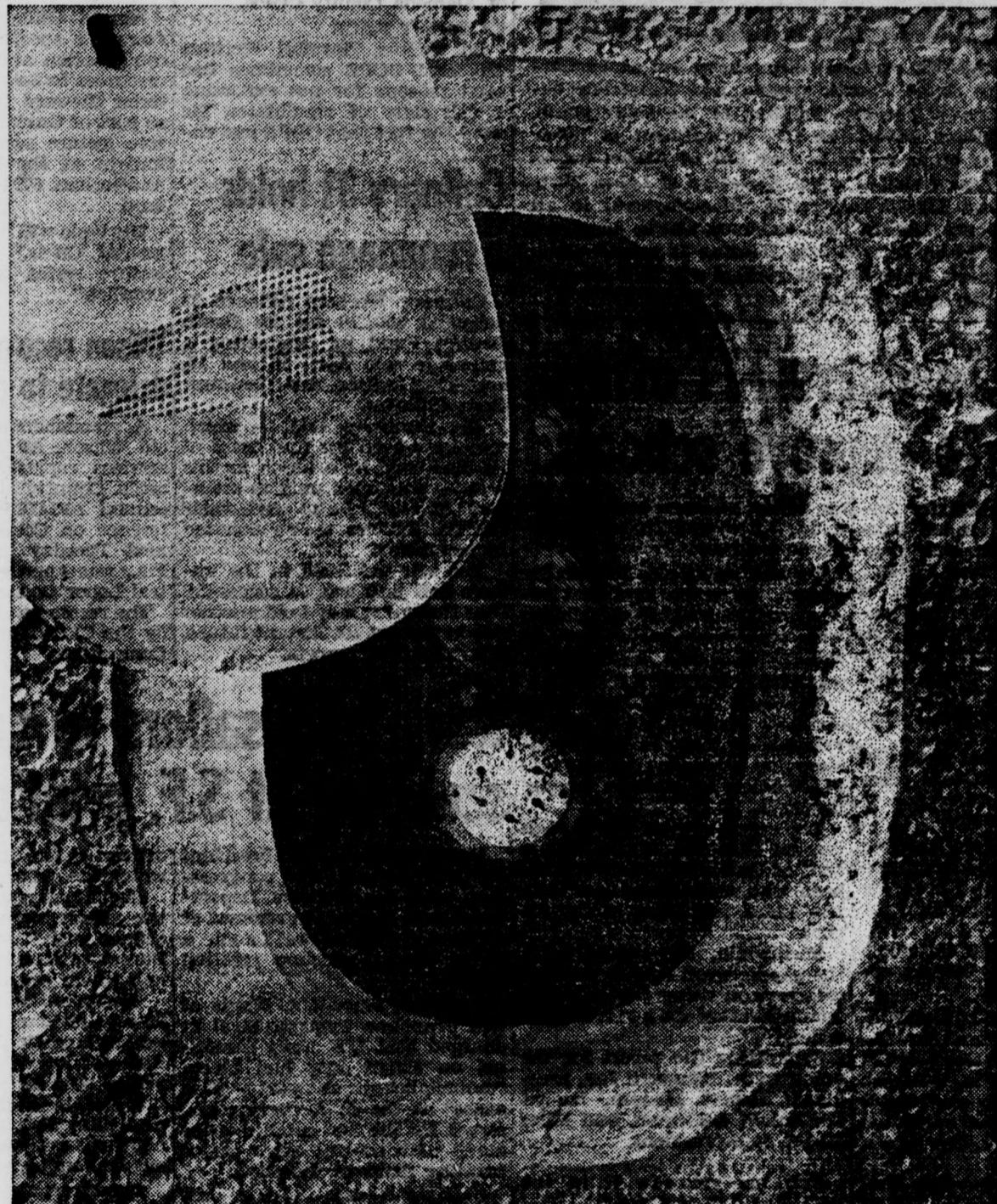
### TO BECOME UNION MEMBERS

Silveria helped set up the program, which had the OK of Hospital and Institutional Workers 250. All eight men will become members of Local 250.

The contract for the training program was approved under the on-the-job training provisions (Title 2) of the U.S. Manpower Development and Training Act.

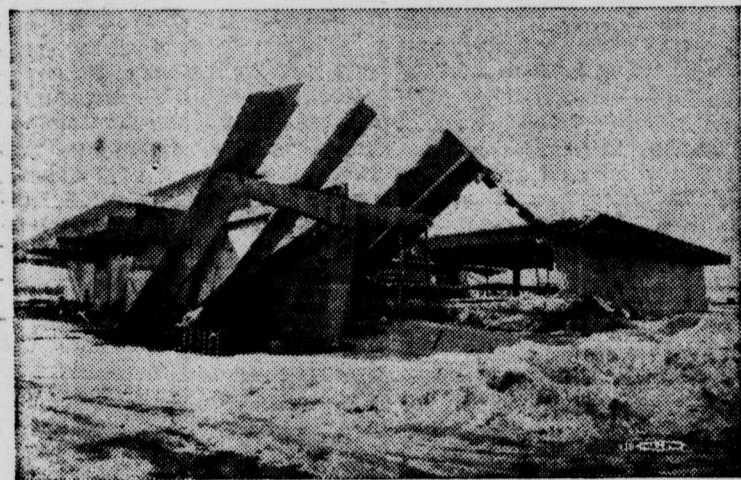
All on-the-job training programs under the act must be approved by the U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

Graduates in ceremonies two weeks ago were: Rufus Gascie, Melvin Henderson, George Holman, James Johnson, Fred Miller, Larry Peterson, Sylvester Rutledge and Henry Washington. (Picture on page 1.)



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**ALASKAN EARTHQUAKE** made a roller coaster out of Anchorage's main business street, Fourth avenue, and completely destroyed the pre-stressed concrete building in the lower photo. Despite the widespread havoc, the U.S. Department of Labor urges workers from other states to stay out of Alaska unless they have definite assurance of a job. Secretary of Labor Wirtz has announced that Alaska had heavy unemployment in all skills, and he has been advised local residents will be employed first in rebuilding tasks. In addition, housing is very limited. Wirtz said any requests for additional workers will be channeled through state employment services.

## Oakland Teachers 771 offers program to improve schools

A long range program for improving the education of Oakland's children has been suggested by the Teachers Union.

The report was presented to the Board of Education by Oakland Federation of Teachers 771.

Among other things, the union called for a local school bond issue to meet construction needs. It said there is a financial crisis in Oakland's schools.

But to improve the quality of education, the union said three basic steps are necessary:

- Smaller classes.
- Better salaries for classroom teachers to cut down on turnover of personnel and keep experienced instructors within the district, and
- A bigger voice for classroom teachers in making district educational policies.

### DETERIORATING EDUCATION

The union says more than 18,000 children attend classes of 31 pupils or larger in Oakland. When classes are bigger than 30 pupils, the quality of education deteriorates rapidly, the union emphasized.

Of the 18,000 attending too-large classes, more than 11,000

are trying to learn mathematics under these conditions, according to a survey.

To back up its plea for smaller classes, the union says that every year the number of children who are below grade level in achievement tests is growing.

### SALARIES BELOW S.F.

Teachers' salaries, the union charged, ranged from \$350 a year under those in San Francisco for beginning teachers to \$1,000 below for those in top pay brackets.

The result of poor pay is high teacher turnover. Almost 40 percent of Oakland's teachers have been with the district less than five years, according to the report.

Meanwhile, the report adds, the gap between lagging teacher salaries and rising pay of school administrators continues to widen.

Submitting the report for the union were: Elizabeth Jay, president; Robert Hudson, budget and salary chairman, and Miles Myers, vice-president.

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## Ash criticizes lack of unity behind COPE endorsements

Labor organizations which have "seen it to their advantage to go beyond" Alameda County and California AFLCIO Council on Political Education endorsements were strongly criticized last week.

Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash told the Central Labor Council that to make endorsements of labor's political arm effective, all segments of the labor movement should stick together.

Organizations not affiliated with COPE should either become affiliated and help make the decisions, or remain silent, Ash declared.

We won't win our battles for better legislation if some labor organizations go out on their own and bypass COPE, Ash said.

This weakens labor's political muscle, which we need in order to deal with elected officials and get labor and social legislation passed, Ash emphasized.

Ash is also secretary-treasurer of Alameda County COPE.

### FREMONT RACE

Ed Collins, Hospital Workers 250, said COPE sometimes has good reasons for not endorsing a full slate of candidates. He cited the fact that COPE had endorsed

## Culinary 31 holds a rummage sale

Culinary Workers Alliance 31 collected \$501.75 for its Death Benefit Fund by conducting a rummage sale April 16 and 17, according to Secretary-Treasurer Fran Childers.

The rummage sale — which may have been the first event of its kind held by a union in this area — was open only to members of the local and their friends. Articles were donated by members.

The sale was held in the union's hall and was so successful that the union may hold another one in the not too distant future, Mrs. Childers reports.

## Navy tells sailors to quit scabbing at S.F. printing firm

Union protests to President Johnson, senators and congressmen and the Defense Department have resulted in removal of strikebreaking sailors from a struck San Francisco printing firm.

President Russell A. Wagle of San Francisco Typographical 21 charged that U.S. Navy personnel on active duty had been "moonlighting as part-time scabs" at the A. J. Carlisle Co., struck for the last seven months along with several other major printing firms in the city.

Wagle's protests resulted in a letter from Under Secretary of the Navy Paul B. Fay Jr.

Fay said an investigation had been held by the commanding

officer of the USS Hancock, on which the sailors were stationed.

The investigation revealed that the sailors were "acting inconsistent with" provisions of the Bureau of Naval Personnel Manual, which provides:

"Personnel should not engage in any civilian employment for an organization involved in a strike or lockout. Personnel employed by a firm which becomes involved in a strike or lockout shall immediately cease such employment until the strike or lockout has ended."

The Navy, which is seldom accused of being pro-union, has an anti-scab regulation — even if our elected city councilmen and state legislators refuse to enact one for civilians.

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## Amundson named to Hayward Civil Rights Committee

Norman E. Amundson, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, is one of seven members of Hayward's new Civil Rights Committee.

Outgoing Mayor George P. Oakes, who named the group, said the committee's first project will be to investigate racial discrimination in housing in Hayward. Amundson lives in Hayward.

Other members of the committee include:

- Stanley W. Blackfield, attorney.
- Robert O. Cohn, a supervisor at U.C. Radiation Laboratory in Livermore, the only Negro in the group.
- Kimiko Fujii, Hayward businesswoman.
- Mrs. Perle Roche, retired teacher.
- Rev. James Swanson of Bethel Temple Assemblies of God Church, and
- Rev. Lawrence Walsh of St. Joachim's Catholic Church.

## Civil service, job hunting courses

Classes in Civil Service Preparation and in Job Preparation will start at Oakland Technical Adult School this week.

One class in Civil Service Preparation will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings. The other will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

They are designed to prepare adults for taking civil service exams and include arithmetic review, vocabulary building, indexing, filing, reading comprehension, sentence and paragraph meaning and spelling.

Three classes in Job Preparation will open Tuesday. All will meet Tuesday evenings. They will be designed to teach men and women how to seek employment effectively and some of the necessary qualities for holding a job.

All classes will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is in the Oakland Technical Adult School Office, 42nd and Broadway, Oakland.

## Federal mediators have new S.F. phones; to move

The Federal Mediation Service has announced new telephone numbers, effective immediately, and says it will move its regional office May 31.

The service's regional office changed to the Centrex Telephone System April 18. The new number is 556-4670, according to Arthur C. Viat, regional director. For mediators, call 556-4674.

Effective May 31, the regional office will move to the New Federal Office Building, Room 13471, 450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, Calif., 94102.

## U.S. Labor Department sues janitorial firm

A suit accusing Crosetti Bros., Inc., big San Francisco janitorial firm, of violating the federal wage and hour law has been filed in U.S. District Court by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The department said Crosetti Bros. has failed to pay several employees time and one-half for overtime. The suit also says the firm violated the record keeping section of the wage and hour law.

An injunction to prevent further violations and \$2,846.50 in back overtime pay for eight employees are sought.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## MARINE CARPENTERS 1149

Nominations of all officers and delegates will be held at the Oakland union meeting, 115 Broadway, Friday, May 15, 1964, at 8 p.m. The election will be held Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, with ballot boxes at 2085 Third St., San Francisco and 115 Broadway, Oakland.

You can vote from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in San Francisco on Friday, June 19, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

In Oakland ballots can be cast from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 19, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 20.

There will also be a provision on the ballot to relate the monthly dues rate to the shipyard wage scale.

Fraternally,  
JAMES ALLAN  
Recording Secretary

## BARBERS 134

Our regular meeting will be held May 28, 1964, at the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez streets, Oakland, Calif., at 8 p.m.

At this time, there will be nominations and election of two delegates to the California State Association of Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists, Masseurs and Guilds Convention to be held in Oakland, Calif., July 26, 27 and 28, 1964.

Also, we will have the second reading on our working agreement.

Fraternally,  
I. O. (Al) CHAMORRO  
Secretary-Treasurer

## MILLMEN'S 550

### ELECTION NOTICE

Nomination and election of one trustee will be held at the regular meeting of Local 550 on June 5, 1964. This notice is the required 30 day notice of nomination and election for the office of trustee. The meeting will be held in Hall A of the Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, at 8 p.m. Only members of Local 550 in good standing for the past 12 months are eligible for nomination.

Fraternally,  
GEORGE H. JOHNSON  
Financial Secretary

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Nominations of candidates to the offices of local union president, vice-president, recording secretary, financial secretary, guide, guard, treasurer and three trustees. Also grievance committeemen and chief shop stewards.

Nominations will be held at the May 9 regular meeting.

Fraternally,  
FRANK V. MCINTOSH  
Recording Secretary

## BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

The meeting of May 8, 1964, is a special call for the election of two delegates to attend the General Convention.

Fraternally,  
GENE SLATER  
Bus. Rep.

## CARPENTERS 1473

Local 1473 meets on the first and third Fridays of each month at Eagle Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, at 2 p.m.

Fraternally,  
J. W. KIRKMAN  
Recording Secretary

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## CEMETERY WORKERS 322

The regular monthly meeting of this union will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5. The union will meet at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,  
PAUL KATZ  
Bus. Rep.

## PAINT MAKERS 1101

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on May 19, 1964, in Hall C of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

At this meeting there will be elections for two delegates to attend the combined conventions of the Brotherhood, National Paint Makers Conference and the Western Joint Council of Brush and Paint Makers, to be held in Minneapolis, Minn., in August, 1964.

This will be an important meeting to all members as it will also be the nomination meeting for all the officers of Local 1101.

The new office hours of the Union Office are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, also on the first and third Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at the meeting May 19.

Fraternally,  
CARL LAWLER  
Recording Secretary

## U.C. EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting of Local 371 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 1964, at the YMCA, 921 Kains Ave., Albany. The Executive Board will meet at 1 p.m. Will all members who can please attend, as we plan to prepare new ways to communicate with our employer more successfully than past methods. Also we shall read the letter sent to Personnel.

Fraternally,  
NAT DICKERSON  
Acting Secretary

## ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, Walnut and Central Alameda. Refreshments are served on the first meeting of the month.

Fraternally,  
CHARLES LEHMANN  
Recording Secretary

## CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The regular meeting of Alameda County School Employees 257 is called for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at 1918 Grove St., Oakland. Reports from delegates to the 14th International Convention will be given.

The Executive Board will meet at 10 a.m.

Fraternally,  
HAROLD BENNER  
Secretary

## BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Fraternally,  
NICK J. AFDAMO  
Recording Secretary

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## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

There will be a special order of business at our regular meeting May 5, 1964, for the nominations of delegates to the Grand Lodge Convention.

There will also be a special order of business at our regular meeting of May 5, 1964, to act on a resolution (recommended by the Executive Board) to establish a convention fund in the amount of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) for the delegates of this Lodge attending the Grand Lodge Convention, to be used for the promotion of necessary constitutional amendments.

There will be a special order of business at our regular meeting of May 19, 1964, for the election of delegates to the Grand Lodge Convention.

Fraternally,  
DON CROSMAN  
Recording Secretary

## TYPOGRAPHICAL 36

The union voted at the April meeting to hold a special meeting on Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m., 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, to present 25 year emblems to 170 of our members who are eligible to receive them. The list of the recipients will be printed before the meeting takes place and members are urged to watch the East Bay Labor Journal and the Union's News Notes for complete information.

Anyone who thinks he or she has a 25-year emblem due may phone me at 451-0686, and the list will be checked to see if the person's name is on the list as sent from ITU.

Members will vote in the various chapels Wednesday, May 20, for the entire ITU official family and the local's candidates for a trustee to each of the following: Health and Welfare, News; Health and Welfare, Job; Printers Pension Trust, and a member of the Executive Committee, Job, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of William Rankin. The union will also vote on delegates to the ITU Convention in Honolulu this summer, as well as alternate delegates (two each).

Fraternally,  
ART TRIGGS  
President

## CARPENTERS 36

In compliance with the General Constitution and Laws, Paragraph 31, the nomination and election of a treasurer for Carpenters 36 will be held at two special called meetings to fill the unexpired term of Brother William Wheeler, resigned, and are as follows:

### NOMINATION

Friday at 8 p.m., May 1, 1964, 761 12th St., Oakland Calif.

### ELECTION

Friday at 8 p.m., June 5, 1964, at the above address.

Stewards will meet on the third Saturday at 8 p.m., May 21, 1964.

Starting July 1, 1964, the dues of all Carpenters will be raised 50 cents per month per member.

Fraternally,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON  
Rec. Secy.

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, May 7, 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally,  
D. ARCA  
Acting Secy.

## AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The May 5 meeting will be a special called meeting to elect General Convention delegates. Polls will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland. The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in Hall D, Labor Temple.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE  
Bus. Rep.

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Our regular meetings are held every Friday evening at 8 p.m.

Stewards meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Our social event takes place the last Friday of each month following our regular meeting.

Fraternally,  
A. W. (Tony) RICE  
Rec. Sec.

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

The next meeting will be Friday, May 1, at 8 p.m. in the Carpenters Hall, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

This is a special called meeting to elect three delegates to the General Convention to be held in Minneapolis.

Come in and vote.

Fraternally,  
LLOYD GREEN  
Financial Secretary

## Retreat for men retail workers planned in July

A closed retreat for men retail workers will be held at San Damiano Retreat, Danville, beginning Saturday night, July 11, and ending Monday, July 13, in time for those taking part to get back to work.

The staff of San Damiano Retreat has adjusted its schedule to make the retreat possible for those whose big work day is Saturday. Catholics and non-Catholics are invited. For reservations, contact San Damiano Retreat, Box 767, Danville, Calif., phone 837-9141.

## Firemen seek uniform allowance, other gains

Fire Fighters 55 is asking the City of Oakland for a 1 1/2 percent uniform allowance, added compensation for veteran firemen to stop "dropouts" and a health and welfare contribution, Vince Riddle, president, told the Central Labor Council.

Riddle said each of the requests is supported by overwhelming precedent across the nation.

## Goodfellowship Death Benefit Club of Local 1622 holds meeting

The annual meeting of the Goodfellowship Death Benefit Club of Hayward Carpenters 1622 was held Saturday, April 18, according to Gus Toensing, president.

Election of officers was held. The report of the club for the past year was read. The club paid beneficiaries in nine deaths and signed up 58 new members during the year.

Gus Toensing was elected president. Ernest Quick and Mrs. L. Brunstedt were elected new trustees. Ernest Quick was also elected vice-president. The four holdover trustees are: Dwight Bisbee, E. Hoyer, Harry Nicholson and Gus Toensing.

Members present instructed the officers to put on a membership drive, and plans are being made for it. In the near future a dance will be held to raise money for operating expenses of the club and to get more members.

Details on the dance and entertainment will be announced soon.

## Free TV initiative backed by labor

The Citizens' Committee for Free TV is urging unionists, their friends and families who are registered voters to sign initiative petitions now being circulated to save free home television.

The citizens' committee includes many union representatives.

Unanimous resolutions of support for free TV have been adopted by a number of Bay Area labor councils, including Alameda County. The AFLCIO has strongly supported free television in testimony before Congress.

If 500,000 valid signatures are obtained on the free TV petitions, California voters will be allowed to vote on repeal of an amendment to the State Revenue and Taxation Code authorizing subscription television of Pay TV.

## New CLC delegate

Martin L. Scott of Steamfitters 342 was seated as a new delegate to the Central Labor Council.

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## Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Hi. The five months since President Kennedy's tragic death have not dulled our feeling of personal loss.

The political activity of today brings to mind a time in 1960 when the then young Senator Jack Kennedy came to Oakland seeking votes. From our seat in the Auditorium gallery, we thrilled to the contagious enthusiasm of the overflow crowd.

We enjoyed the vitality of the "Teenagers for Kennedy," the singing of Nat "King" Cole, the humor of Bob Newhart and the bandwagon efforts of local politicians.

But mainly we loved the young candidate, Kennedy. His words didn't really matter. It was the hope he generated for the future. He had a plan for the unemployed for the aged, for our children, and for the underprivileged Americans. He was for the people, and the people responded.

It's heartbreaking to speculate if his victory in the 1960 presidential election cost him his life. Yet we can't help feeling he would be alive today if he had not been President. What a terrible price to pay for helping people!

We have a feeling of sadness for his young widow and his two lovely children. And, somehow, we feel guilty that we, the living, are not more dedicated to the great task for which he gave his last full measure of devotion.

Bigotry, hate and intolerance are rearing their ugly head in California. It's not new. It's just being encouraged and used by selfish interests. Look around you and in the papers. Who is paying for racist and anti-labor propaganda? Not the people? Then who?

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Received a postal card dated April 4, 1964, from Hannover, Germany. It came from Tom Ashmore and his wife, Marion. You must remember they took off for a year to tour Europe and some of Africa in a VW. They ask me to issue a bulletin to all those who made bets on their being ready to come home in two months: they had better figure out a way to recover their losses. They say their German vocabulary has increased because they must eat. They are going through the little villages to become acquainted with the German people. They visited the East-West border at Helmstedt, the check point to go into East Germany over the Autobahn. Their card says that it looks mighty grim over the border but it is too cold for them to go right now. The countryside is covered with snow, and they see herds of deer in the small forests between the towns. They visited Wolfsberg, one of the two modern towns in Germany and,

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to the local residents, quite modern. They are enjoying themselves and will write more later.

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We are still without an office secretary, and if you do not reach the office by phone drop me a card and I will contact you. Thank you.

San Jose meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., San Jose.

## Barbers 134

By I. O. (AI) CHAMORRO

Nothing changed at our last meeting, April 23, 1964.

The two resolutions that have been published in the meeting notices of this newspaper were defeated badly. We knew that what we asked on those resolutions was reasonable, needed and important.

Time is of the essence, and it will show us how wrong it was to deny your local that which was asked of you to do.

Those of you who came to vote had the democratic right to vote your consciences, but let me tell you, the results were most disheartening. Sometimes members ask: What is the union doing for me? And we may ask of you: What in ..... are you doing to help ourselves?

You have seen other sister locals on strike. What do their members do? They join the fight on the picket lines and support their leaders. They lose much while on strike, but all able members join collectively until victory.

To achieve this end, you, the rank-and-file, must give us the necessary weapons to fight on. Your time, efforts and cooperation and, above all, the means to carry on, the money! Perhaps some of our members have other means to help organize the unorganized barber!

## Cranston: full test ban

U.S. Senate Candidate Alan Cranston told a statewide radio audience Sunday that "a total ban on nuclear testing should be the next American objective in negotiations with the Soviet Union."

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## C.T.U. Local 208

By LARRY ROSS

Membership meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 4:45 p.m., Danish Hall, 164 11th St., upstairs.

Once again we have the opportunity to improve wages and working conditions in Western Union. The final contract settlement will reflect the degree of bargaining power we are able to establish nationwide when the chips go down in a few weeks.

The company and union representatives will meet on May 11 to negotiate the new contract to replace the one which expires at midnight May 31.

If the members nationwide turn in a heavy strike vote and demonstrate that they mean business during the critical days of negotiations, it is possible that we will win our best contract.

All paid up members in good standing should have their strike ballots by now. I urge them to vote "YES" and mail their ballots promptly. This will establish BARGAINING POWER.

## Typographical 36

By ART TRIGGS

"There ought to be a law..."

How many times have you heard that expression when printers are discussing an alleged infraction of the rules? Something happens and a run-through of the law book fails to produce anything which would control the point that seems to need correcting.

Failing to find a specific law to handle the situation, the people doing the probing ask some of the "old-timers" if they know of anything that would help. invariably someone will say that "back at such-and-such a time the union passed a motion to take care of a matter just like this." Then a frantic searching of the minutes of union meetings begins. Perhaps one or two actions of the union are uncovered, and then the question arises "Is this the entire action of the union?" and that question is never answered to the satisfaction of all.

Finally it becomes clear that if the action to take care of a given situation had been a change of law and not a motion on the floor, then the action would be in the law book where anyone at any time can find it. Law books are given to all members; the minutes of the union are kept in a safe place, not readily accessible to all.

Further, motions on the floor are guide posts at best and generally are used to take care of a matter currently before the body not one for posterity.

How would you like to have your present-day actions controlled by a motion passed at the beginning of Oakland Typographical Union, more than three-fourths of a century ago, especially if that motion lies moldering in the files?

If you think "there ought to be a law..." then pass one.

## Millwrights Auxiliary

By NAOMI WILSON

District 5 of the State Council of Carpenters' and Millwrights' Women's Auxiliaries held a meeting in the Carpenters Hall, 700 Stierlin Rd., Mountain View, Saturday, April 18.

Dorothea Francis of Salinas, board member, chaired the meeting, with Auxiliary No. 554, Mountain View, as hostesses.

Mrs. Steiner, home adviser representative for Santa Clara County, spoke to the group on interior decorating of the home and furnishings to reflect good taste and the homemaker's personality.

State Council Vice President Ethel Todd of Ventura was a guest and spoke on legislation. She urged all auxiliary members to write their congressmen and senators on vital issues for labor.

The group voted to continue to sponsor the Penny Pines Plantation.

District 5 encompasses seven Northern California counties, and most of the auxiliaries belonging to District 5 were represented at this meeting.

The next district meeting will be held in Salinas in July,

## Typographical Auxiliary

By MARY STAPLETON

The next regular meeting of W.A. 26 will be held at the home of Barbara Parker on May 7 at 7:30 p.m. The address is 1658 Ashbury Lane, Hayward.

On the agenda will be installation of officers and nominations for delegates to the convention in Honolulu in September.

Anita Rankin is vacationing in Canada for a month with relatives, and Carolyn Fitzgerald has a new nine pound boy.

Please remember our shut-ins — Mabel Patterson, Winifred Weeks, Maude Hickox and Lucy Cushing.

Don't forget our rummage sale on May 18. Save all your discards for this one.

## Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

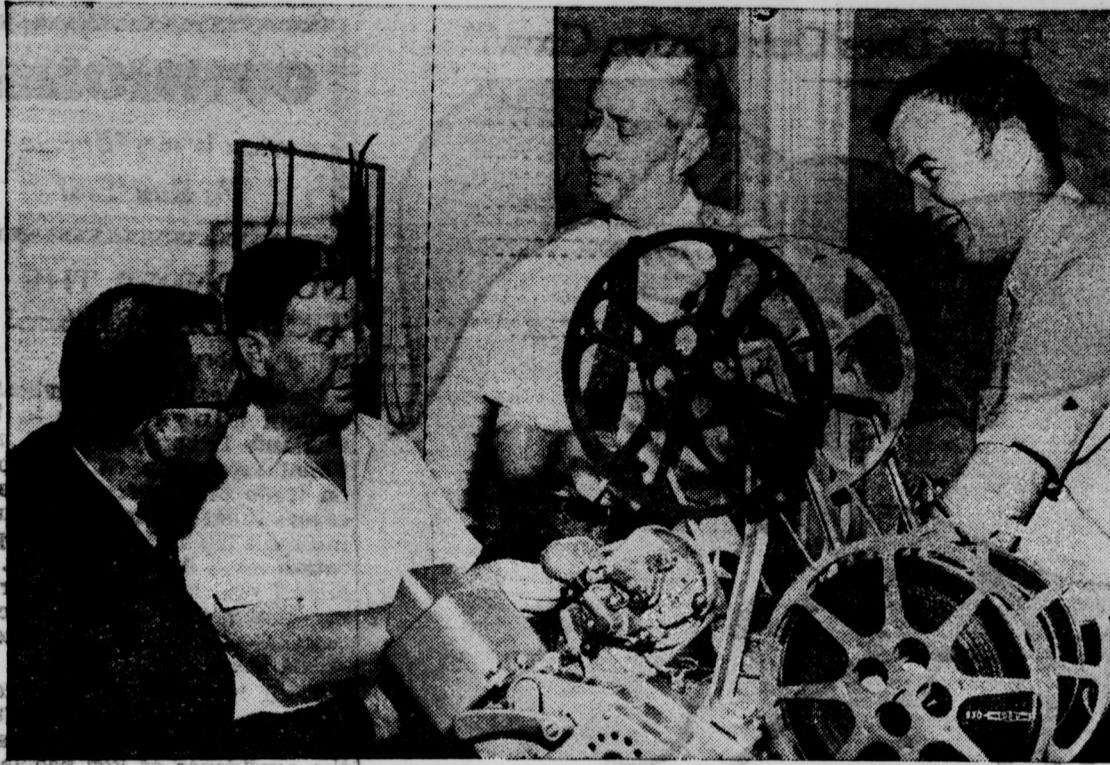
The Wall Street Journal asked a number of economists if unemployment would ease up by 1965.

They asked economists employed by business, labor, and government, as well as independent consultants.

Only a few government economists expected unemployment to drop below five per cent next year.

From the others the Wall Street Journal got these general predictions:

- The tax cut would most likely not reduce unemployment much if at all.
- Productivity (increased output per man-hour due to automation) is increasing rapidly.



STUDIO CONFERENCE on the AFLCIO film, "In Common Brotherhood," brings together, left to right, AFLCIO Public Relations Director Albert J. Zack, Producer Joel O'Brien, Script Writer David Davidson and Director William Buckley. The film was produced for television and other audiences. It tells the story of the AFLCIO's interest in international affairs.

## Brown addresses 27th convention of IUOE in S.F.

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown outlined fields in which the state and the union both have a stake at the 27th convention of the AFLCIO International Union of Operating Engineers in San Francisco.

The governor said both are trying to:

- Lessen problems resulting from automation, and
- Reduce on-the-job accidents.

"Third," he said, "I want to call on you to strengthen your political muscle in a year when you can expect highly vocal attacks on the policies of the state administration and on President Johnson."

### STRESSES FAIR HOUSING

Governor Brown stressed the need for cooperation by the Engineers in California in helping to defeat the anti-Fair Housing initiative.

"Let me further remind you," he said, "that the radical right is active today to a degree unknown in 1958. Their goals, in part, are to prevent the functioning of stable unions and to deny workers their right to a union contract, adequate wages, reasonable job security and a voice in the rules of employment.

"It is just as relevant to remind you that one of the leading candidates for the Republican nomination says that one of his goals is to curb the power of 'Big Labor,' Brown told the international convention delegates.

"You and I know that this really means to cripple labor's gains."

"I don't think there is any justification for such harassment of the working men and women who have helped to make California the most progressive state in the nation. And I urge you to throw the full weight of your influence and energy against those who would halt progress," the governor said.

## Miss Klugman winner of \$4,400 scholarship

Dina Klugman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Klugman, has received a four year \$4,400 Alumni Scholarship to George Washington University, Washington, D.C., one of five awarded annually by the institution.

Klugman is a member of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees 302. He frequently contributes articles to the East Bay Labor Journal.

## Alameda County COPE opens drive to register voters for November

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"muscles all we want," Amundson said, "but if only half our members are registered to vote, we lose half our strength, and if only half of those registered vote, we are further weakened."

COPE will need large numbers of volunteers to staff the office and help register voters, Amundson said. He added that plans call for keeping the COPE office open evenings.

Amundson also said he is available to speak before unions on COPE's role in the 1964 elections.

### 'STICK BEHIND COPE'

In his report, Executive Secretary Ash urged all labor organizations to stick together behind COPE endorsements.

Though State COPE policy is to let unions make their own endorsements where COPE leaves a race "open," this is not true of Alameda County COPE, Ash said.

Alameda County COPE policy is for unions to make no endorsements in races COPE leaves "open," Ash told delegates.

Those unions not now affiliated with COPE should join as soon as possible so they can participate in its decisions, Ash declared.

Repeating that no endorsements were made by COPE in the 13th and 14th Assembly districts because the Democratic incumbents had taken actions contrary to unions and union members, Ash told delegates:

"The endorsements of this labor movement in Alameda County cannot be taken lightly."

The seats are currently held by Assemblymen Carlos Bee (D.-Hayward) and Robert W. Crown (D.-Alameda), respectively. (See earlier story, page 4.)

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## King consultant for Apprenticeship Standards Division

John J. King, former Grand Lodge representative for the International Association of Machinists in Oakland, has been appointed as an apprenticeship consultant for the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

Area Supervisor Robert W. Clottu said King will be assigned to do promotional work in several fields in which there are presently no apprenticeship programs.

Clottu said these include the auto and laundry and dry cleaning industries and civil service fields.

King will also assist with existing apprenticeship programs, including those of the Plasterers, Auto Painters, Roofers, Inside Wiremen and Tool and Die Makers.

A member of the Governor's Commission on Metropolitan Area Problems, King is a former president of the Oakland Board of Education. He has also been a member of the Executive Committee, Citizens Committee for Oakland Urban Renewal; the Oakland Council of Community Services and other groups.

King initiated and organized joint apprenticeship committees for tool and die makers and locksmiths in 1948. He served as technical consultant for preparation of tool and die maker apprentice workbooks for the State Department of Education.

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## New Teamster local accepted by Building Trades Council

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policies of his predecessors and promised it would not happen again, Mott said a year ago no construction would be involved, which is not the case, Childers charged.

Childers said he has asked for an interpretation from the State Attorney General's Office.

### PREVAILING PAY

Childers reported a hearing would be held on Assembly Constitutional Resolution 40, to require prevailing building trades pay rates to those employed in such jobs by the state. He urged other union representatives to attend.

He reported on a meeting with employers who had been picketed by Iron Workers 378 for paying substandard rates for installation of iron railings and steel steps on some apartment buildings.

Area standards picket lines were established for brief periods at a number of locations, Childers reported.

Delegates also learned that Owens-Illinois Pacific had canceled a contract with a "District 50 contractor" Pittsburg Tank and Tower Co. for repair of a water tower.

Though the latter firm signed contracts with AFLCIO Boilermakers and Operating Engineers, it refused to sign with Painters, and the Building Trades Council protested. The contract was canceled after only one tank had been repaired, according to Childers.

### OAKLAND SCHOOL JOB

The Building Trades Council has questioned whether prevailing wages have been paid, as the law requires, on installation of foreign language teaching equipment in Oakland Schools by Reflection Education Products Inc., identified by Childers as a non-union firm.

Unions were also alerted to watch an addition to the Thornton School in the Centerville School District. Childers said Wallace Webb, the contractor, had not listed contractors for several sub-crafts. He said penalties for substitution of sub-contractors without consent of the awarding agency had been tightened by the Legislature last year.

### FULL CREW LAW

Delegates voted to oppose the California Railroad Association's initiative petitions to place repeal of the state's Full Crew Law on the November ballot. Unionists were urged not to sign these petitions.

The Law and Legislative Com-

mittee recommended the seating of Charles Day as a delegate from Steamfitters 342.

BTC President Paul Jones reported that Al Lacoste, veteran mayor of Emeryville, had been defeated for re-election to the City Council because unions did nothing to help him during the recent campaign.

### FOLEY ENDORSED

Following a recommendation by Jones, delegates voted to endorse Municipal Judge Thomas L. Foley for re-election in the San Leandro - Hayward Judicial District. The motion was made by Virgil Brunstedt, Carpenters 1622.

Delegates approved a recommendation giving strike sanction to Sheet Metal Workers 216 against Sandia Corp. in Livermore.

They also approved a recommendation that Childers write to the Department of Labor stating that building trades representatives in this area feel there is no need for additional apprenticeship information centers because there are more applicants than apprenticeship openings.

### BTC AGREEMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer John A. Davy reported that Building Trades Council agreements had been signed by: C&W Construction Co., A. R. Lozano, Marcotte Bros. Development Co., Frank Marsetta, Murphy's Cleaning and Hauling, M/W Construction Co., Overhead Door Co. of Oakland, Shye Engineering Co., States Roofing Co., Eli Wilson Cabinet Shop, B-H Construction Co., Inc.; Cox Dry Wall Co., George J. Hoffert and Murray & James Kay, Inc.

## East, ex-president of CLC, passes

Walter East, an official of Laundry Workers 2 from the mid-thirties until forced to retire because of poor health 2½ years ago, died Saturday.

East was also president of the Central Labor Council during the '30s. He helped organize Local 2 and served as both president and assistant business agent during his many years of service to his union.

East, 76, was a native of Arizona but spent most of his adult life in this area. He leaves two daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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## LBJ scores a victory for collective bargaining

President Johnson scored a real triumph by his handling of the railroad dispute. It was a triumph for collective bargaining, as well.

A year ago, compulsory arbitration was the way chosen by the Administration and Congress to head off a rail "crisis." We still believe this was contrary to the American way, and a serious setback to the interests of both unions and businesses.

The arbitration was confined to the use of firemen in freight and yard service and the size of crews. Other issues in the knotty rail dispute were left unsettled.

Amid the frustrations of four and a half years of at-loggerheads name-calling, President Johnson moved in with a team of the top mediators in the nation. He was determined to head off a nationwide strike scheduled last Friday.

It was no different, except in degree, from other situations where the government helps mediate a dispute — with both sides free to take it or leave it. In fact, union members, at this writing, are still free to leave it if they vote that way.

The President put real pressure on both sides. But all good mediators do this. And there was no hasty jump to compulsory arbitration.

Though neither side got all it wanted, we feel that the whole nation — as well as the President — won a real victory. We are all better off for it.

## We must stick together

Unionism means working together for common goals. Originally, actions of unions were nearly all economic. The ultimate weapon was the strike, when all the workers in a craft, plant or industry withheld their services to back up their demands for economic gains or justice. Those who continued to work were called strikebreakers, or scabs, and were outcasts.

All this is still true.

But, more and more, it has become necessary for unions to move into the legislative arena to fight for their members' rights and to combat legislation which cripples unions in their strikes and other economic battles.

To say that labor has had only partial success in the legislative arena is an understatement.

After the surge of unionism in the '30s and World War II — itself made possible by legislation — employers moved into politics in greater force than ever before. They influenced legislators and helped elect new ones, who passed state and federal laws to cripple unions and union organizing.

These laws are still on the books. They — not apathy — are why organized labor is not growing. In addition, insurance programs to protect workers when injured or unemployed have not kept up with current living costs — again because unions have lost their political effectiveness.

The only way to regain this essential force is dedication to the union principle that sticking together creates strength, politically as well as economically. Failure to work together brings weakness.

## Reconversion planning needed

Combining a master politician's skill with a vision of what America wants and needs, President Johnson has continued, and in some ways improved upon, the policies of his martyred predecessor, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Recently, President Johnson and Premier Khrushchev announced plans to cut uranium production. If these reductions in our overkill capacity continue, there will be even more unemployment in our defense industries. This will be added to automation, a growing work force and a slow rate of economic growth as a basic cause of our serious unemployment problem.

The President's "war on poverty" is a brilliantly-conceived plan to turn swords into plowshares — fulfilling the American dream for many now caught in a treadmill of defeat and lack of opportunity.

But this "war" is not yet a fact. Meanwhile, defense dislocations add to unemployment. We in the labor movement have been aware of this need of planning to offset the effects of arms cutbacks for several years. But little has been done.

A group of 25 liberal congressmen, according to Rep. Don Edwards (D-9th District), one of them, has called upon President Johnson to step up administration efforts to deal with the growing problem of economic conversion.

Layoffs at Lockheed's Sunnyvale plant have made this problem a growing issue in Edwards' district. We join with him and the other 24 congressmen in urging immediate action on this important matter.

## 'How Does Our Garden Grow?'



## UNIONS HAVE KEY ROLE IN 'WAR ON POVERTY'

From Labor

Two union leaders — President Harold C. Crotty of the Maintenance of Way Employes and Chief Executive George M. Harrison of the Railway Clerks — declared that removal of barriers to the growth of unionism would help greatly in the reduction of poverty.

Crotty, writing in the Brotherhood's monthly Journal, asserted that "poverty is most common among groups in which union organization is weak or nonexistent, and in those areas where unionism is handicapped by repressive legislation."

"Any effective war against poverty must vigorously advance the right of all workers to organize and sustain effective unions, and engage in unhindered collective bargaining," he added.

Crotty said that automation has contributed to the problem by wiping out many jobs which would otherwise be available to the unskilled, the young and the old.

He called for strong national policies aimed at increasing employment and controlling the effects of automation; also, large scale retraining of displaced workers, higher minimum wages, expanded education, a vast increase in federal outlays for public works, youth employment programs and other measures.

"Bold plans and sufficient funds will be required to assure success of the anti-poverty program," Crotty said.

Harrison, in the Railway Clerk, declared that in fighting poverty an urgent need is "organization among the low paid workers of the country."

"The government should take the leadership, as it did under Franklin D. Roosevelt, and encourage both the organization of low paid workers and a higher minimum wage," Harrison said.

### HITS ANTI-UNION TERROR

He called attention to "a reign of terror in the South which has kept many industries from being organized" and hence has held wages low. He said federal power is needed to get them out of "poverty and near poverty wages."

Like Crotty, Harrison also cited the effect of automation and technological progress in ex-

panding the army of unemployed. Here, too, the government must act to minimize the impact, he said.

He hailed the Administration's "war on poverty" and described the recent tax cut as a "fine first step" but he warned that "the benefits must filter down to all the people."

"The tax cut must not just be a windfall for industry so it can go ahead with more automation and more technological advances, thus creating still further unemployment, still further pockets of poverty," Harrison warned.

### Robert Welch

The fuhrer of the John Birch Society, Robert Welch, has publicly restated his belief President Eisenhower was treasonous and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was a communist. Pinned down by a panel of questioners on a New York radio broadcast, he stood by charges he made in his book of fantasy, "The Politician."

His charge against Eisenhower was: "... there is only one word to describe his purposes and action. That word is treason." Asked about references in his book to Dulles, Welch replied: "I say he was a communist."

From Washington, Welch moved to Alabama and blamed communists for the recent tragic church bombing that took the lives of four Negro children. — COPE.

### Barry Goldwater

Sen. Barry Goldwater said in an interview, published in the Washington Post last Oct. 3:

"All of the members of the (John Birch) Society I know are good people. Sometimes you can argue with their methods, just as you might argue with the members of an American Legion Post. But that doesn't mean you have to condemn them." — The Democrat.

### Automation

Automation: When you replace a \$75 a week clerk with a \$200,000 machine. — United Mine Workers Journal.

## OPINIONS

You Write 'Em...

We Run 'Em!

## NO WONDER THE TRIB RUNS RIESEL!

Editor, Labor Journal:

Victor Riesel, whose syndicated column runs regularly in the Oakland Tribune, enjoys a national reputation as an expert on trade union affairs. He also enjoys in some circles — including some labor circles — a reputation as a friend of labor. If any of your readers still cherish this notion as they read his column, let me hasten to disenchant them.

From his base of operations in New York City, Riesel craftily cultivates the acquaintance and the confidence of key people in the labor movement — people from whom he believes he can glean the "inside dope" about labor that is his stock in trade. There is no denying that he has succeeded in getting rather close to certain union officials and staff people, and has even garnered honors at their hands.

But this doesn't mean he is their friend.

A careful reading of Riesel's column over an extended period will reveal him as a spokesman for some of the most reactionary, anti-union elements in this country. His tactic is never to smear labor as such, but under the guise of "objective reporting" and "inside stuff" to paint a picture whose cumulative effect is to negate everything the labor movement stands for — or should stand for.

Subtly, by the use of words and phrases carefully chosen for their sneer value, he creates an image of a labor movement that is nothing more than a shoddy adjunct of the government-military-industrial complex. Oddly enough, on the all-too-frequent occasions when elements in the labor movement do act like shoddy adjuncts of the government-military-industrial complex, they can look forward to hymns of praise in a Riesel column.

Lately, Riesel seems to have taken on the task of discrediting labor's affinity for liberal Democrats and suggesting — again by the use of cleverly tinted words and phrases — that maybe the Republicans and even the Goldwaterites have something to offer union members.

Thus his recent column, headlined in the Tribune "COPE Begins Big Anti-Barry Drive," purports merely to reveal that certain labor leaders are backing Governor Rockefeller in his primary campaign against Senator Goldwater, but that ultimately most of them will swing back to President Johnson no matter who wins the GOP nomination.

Along the way, however, Riesel manages not only to take back-hand slaps at unionists in both the Johnson and Rockefeller camps ("liberal labor leaders eager to belt down Barry Goldwater"; "the National Labor for Rockefeller Committee has developed one of the smoothest operations since the dues stamp was invented"; "Western labor men have begun pressuring their colleagues into accepting Rockefeller," etc.), but carefully contrives to put Goldwater in a highly favorable light.

No wonder the Oakland Tribune, whose editor is state chairman of the Goldwater campaign, regularly publishes the columns of labor's "friend" Victor Riesel!

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## BROWN & TREES

As long as I am Governor in California, not a single, solitary redwood will be cut down for a freeway. — Governor Brown.